



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November 2024

- WHEREAS:** According to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among individuals in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, an estimated 238,340 individuals in the United States were diagnosed with lung cancer, and 127,070 individuals (approximately 350 individuals per day) will die from the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, approximately 103,000 of the 127,070 lung cancer deaths (81 percent) were caused by cigarette smoking directly, with an additional 3,560 lung cancer deaths caused by second-hand smoke; and
- WHEREAS:** Quitting smoking remains the single most effective way to avoid lung cancer. The Middletown Township Health Department will be proudly participating in the Great American Smokeout, which is the American Cancer Society's public education campaign that is observed on the third Thursday of every November to help people quit smoking; and
- WHEREAS:** On Thursday, November 21st, the Middletown Township Health Department will have a table at the entrance of Town Hall where they will be distributing free Quit Kits. Community members are encouraged to stop by to pick one up and learn how they can lead smoke-free lives; and
- WHEREAS:** During Lung Cancer Awareness Month, we honor all those living with lung cancer and their loved ones by remaining committed to sharing important information and resources, such as www.tobaccofreenj.com/gaso. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as **Lung Cancer Awareness Month** in the Township of Middletown. We encourage our residents to quit smoking and help spread awareness so we can fight this disease together.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this eighteenth day of November in the year two thousand twenty-four*

Mayor Tony Perry